



THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S *UPDATE*

REPORT TO THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS

SUMMER 2006

Fellow Quartermasters:

This past May the Quartermaster Foundation helped us celebrate the Corps' 231st Anniversary by graciously hosting a dinner here at Fort Lee. The occasion also witnessed the induction of three new members into the Quartermaster Corps Hall of Fame: Lieutenant General (Retired) Henry T. Glisson, Major General (Retired) William T. McLean, and Brigadier General Charles C. Drake (Deceased). My sincere congratulations go to each of these outstanding individuals for being selected to receive this highest of honors. Also, congratulations to the 27 individuals and 7 outstanding units inducted into the Distinguished Members and Distinguished Units of the Regiment. This should serve as a reminder for all of you to consider nominating worthy individuals and units for Regimental Honors around this same time next year.

It is clear from all accounts that there has been no let up in the Army's worldwide mission, and no slackening of the pace of the global war on terrorism. As a result Quartermaster Soldiers continue to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in scores of other countries around the world – while performing a wide variety of combat service support and other vital sustainment type missions. Nothing in this Command exceeds the importance of good training. It has been and remains Job Number One. It's making sure that all Quartermaster Soldiers receive the proper tactical and technical skills needed to succeed in today's uniquely challenging environment.

In other news, the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School hosted a daylong update for Retired Quartermaster General Officers at Fort Lee on 27 July 2006. The focus of the day's discussion was "Change – And Its Effects on the Quartermaster Corps and the QMC&S." Our QMC&S Historian, Dr. Steve Anders, outlined a brief history of reform in the 20th Century to help set the context for current events and described possible courses of action for preserving and/or relocating the historical artwork, Regimental Honors, memorial exhibits, displays, etc., in anticipation of next year's temporary move from Mifflin Hall. Additionally the exhibit "Bands of Brothers: The Army's Musical Heritage" opened on 27 July 2006 in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum as a tribute to the "the sounds of war". This particular exhibit honors music from drums and bugles to signal commands. Music is an integral part of our heritage and has helped lead our Soldiers into battle for centuries; please stop by and visit the use of music in the Army when in the area.

Lastly, I am proud to announce that the 2006 Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) Supply Excellence Award Competition ended earlier this spring with the recognition of 41 units for outstanding logistical readiness and supply support. This year the Army recognized 18 winners, 15 runners-up, and 9 honorable mention units, comprised of 17 Active Duty, 14 Army National Guard, and 10 Army Reserve units. Congratulations to all those units for a job well done, as well as to all those who competed while still accomplishing their daily missions in support of our Soldiers.

As always, I appreciate your feedback. You may contact us through our web site at www.Quartermaster.army.mil. You may also call me at (804) 734-3458 or DSN 687-3458 in my office, or (804) 502-0923 on my Blackberry. My FAX number is (804) 734-3174 or DSN 687-3174. I look forward to hearing from you.

Supporting Victory!

Mark A. Bellini
Quartermaster General

COMMAND GROUP

RETIRED QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OFFICERS UPDATE

The U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School (QMC&S) hosted a day-long update for Retired Quartermaster General Officers at Fort Lee on 27 July 2006. Quartermaster General Mark Bellini welcomed the attendees and explained the focus of the day's discussion which was "Change – And Its Effects on the Quartermaster Corps and the QMC&S." Dr. Steve Anders, QMC&S Historian outlined a brief history of reform in the 20th Century to help set the context for current events and described possible courses of action for preserving and/or relocating the historical artwork, Regimental Honors, memorial exhibits, displays, etc., in anticipation of next year's temporary move from Mifflin Hall. The Deputy to the Commander, Mr. Larry Toler, provided an update and a brief summary on Base Realignment and Closure 2005, the establishment of the Sustainment Center of Excellence at Fort Lee, and options for temporarily relocating QMC&S Headquarters away from Mifflin Hall. LTC Robert Hatcher, Director of the Logistics Training Department, and the QMC&S Command Sergeant Major Jose Silva, provided an educational update explaining several new concepts and outlined major changes affecting officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel. LTC(P) Pate presented the final briefings on the Evolution and Current Status of the Logistics Corps and Quartermaster Personnel and Proponency Update. The day's events concluded with attendees seeing the opening of the new exhibit "*Bands of Brothers: The Army's Musical Heritage*" at the Quartermaster Museum. POC: LTC(P) Steven W. Pate, DSN: 687-4178, COMM: (804) 734-4178.

QUARTERMASTER MUSEUM OFFERS NEW EXHIBIT

The sounds of war have always included music: drums and bugles to signal commands, and bands to provide inspiration and entertainment. The exhibit *Bands of Brothers: The Army's Musical Heritage* opened on 27 July 2006 at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum. It honors the contributions of Army musicians and Army bands and relates the history and importance of the use of music in the American Army. The exhibit also represents collaboration between Fort Lee's 392d Army Band, the U.S. Army Adjutant General Museum, and the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum. It runs through May 2007. POC: Mr. Tim O'Gorman, Director, Quartermaster Museum, DSN: 687-4302, COMM (804) 734-4302.

AERIAL DELIVERY AND FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AIRBORNE OPERATION

Aerial Delivery and Field Services Department (ADFSD) conducted an airborne operation on 8 June 2006 at McLaney Drop Zone. Fifty-six students participated in the jump as part of their 92R advanced individual training. Students jumped with personal parachutes they packed during the Parachute Pack Phase of their training. This is a critical task all parachute riggers must pass in order to graduate from the Parachute Rigger Course and Aerial Delivery Material Officers Course. ADFSD conducts three jumps each month for student training and provides space-A for QMC&S and CASCOM personnel requiring jumps to maintain currency. POC: MAJ Brandon Klink, DSN 687-4725, COMM: (804) 734-4725.

921A (AERIAL DELIVERY) RECRUITING TRIP TO FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

The Regimental Warrant Officer and the Senior Airdrop Systems Technician from the QMC&S ADFSD traveled to Fort Bragg on 12 June 2006 to talk with 92R (Aerial Delivery) Soldiers about the Army's Warrant Officer Program and becoming a 921A (Air Drop Systems Technician Warrant Officer). The 921A recruiting objective for FY06 is 10 Soldiers. The Quartermaster Proponency Office has forwarded five packets for highly-qualified individuals to the next Warrant Officer Accession Board in July 06. As a result of the Fort Bragg

recruiting trip, three more packets are expected and other Soldiers' inquiries demonstrated their interest. POC: QMC&S Regimental Warrant Officer CW5 Michael Toter, DSN: 687-3702, COMM: (804) 734-3702.

ARMY TIMES INTERVIEWS QUARTERMASTER REGIMENTAL CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER AND QUARTERMASTER SENIOR AIRDROP SYSTEM TECHNICIAN FOR FUTURE ARTICLE

In coordination with Fort Lee Public Affairs Office, the Quartermaster Regimental Warrant Officer and Senior Airdrop Systems Technician from the QMC&S were interviewed by the Army Times for a forthcoming article promoting the Army's need for 921As. There are 70, 921A authorizations in COMPO 1, with 60 on hand and no retirements pending or programmed. We continue to work it hard. POC: QMC&S Regimental Warrant Officer CW5 Michael Toter, DSN: 687-3702, COMM: (804) 734-3702.

ACCELERATED TRAINING

Parachute Rigger Course (PRC) 09-06 (16 students) completed training one day early. Aerial Delivery Material Officers Course 005-06 (2 students) completed training four days early. The PRC 202-06 completed training 09 June 2006, 11 calendar days early. This saved training days and associated training costs and made troops available to units at an earlier date. POC: SGM Mary Brown, DSN 687-5373, COMM: (804) 734-5373.

ARMY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, SUBSISTENCE

FOOD MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM (FMAT) VISITED FORTS WAINWRIGHT, GREELY, AND RICHARDSON, ALASKA

The FMAT representing the Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence (ACES), QMC&S, conducted a management assistance visit to Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, and Fort Richardson, Alaska during the period of 5-15 June 2006. The objective of the FMAT visit was to assist food program leaders in improving their overall food service operations. The team's focus was on the management of the food program in the following special emphasis areas: (a) Account Management and Inventory Control; (b) Food Preparation and Serving; (c) Food Protection and Sanitation; (d) Menu Standards; (e) Installation and Dining Facility Utilization Rate; (f) Prime Vendor; (g) Equipment Replacement Program; (h) Contract Operations; (i) Field Kitchen Equipment; (j) Payroll Deduction and Basic Allowance for Subsistence Recoupment; (k) Operational Ration Usage; (l) Take-Out Services; (m) Inventory Status; (n) Installation Food Service Management Plan; and (o) Installation Food Program Manager's Action Plan. POC: CW4 Arnoldo Montiel, DSN: 687-3374, COMM: (804) 734-3374.

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (FSCM)/CONTRACTING OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE (COR) CERTIFICATION TRAINING BY FOOD SERVICES PERSONNEL

The Concepts Systems and Policies Division, ACES, QMC&S presented the FSCM/COR Certification Course to 23 Soldiers and 5 Department of the Army civilians from the Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) and FSCM Course. Additional students were from CONUS installations, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve (nine Soldiers represented these areas of service). All students successfully completed the course of instruction. The FSCM/COR details the duties and responsibilities of CORs, performance assessment monitors, and other government representatives when dealing with food service contractors. Special emphasis continues to be placed on the contingency operations arena and the specifics as they relate to the area of responsibility. Legal parameters, types of authority, and the limitations placed on CORs are keys to the program. Use of Department of the Army approved prototypes for food service contracts is also emphasized. The presence of this training in the WOBC/Warrant Officer Advance Course and FSCM curriculum has proven to be an asset to the Soldiers training in these courses at the QMC&S. The need for continued training as a COR is ever more critical as

contracting expands throughout Army food service. Student critiques are positive and indicate the belief that the training will serve them well. POC: Richard Harsh, DSN: 687-4832, COMM: (804) 734-4832.

92G PILOT PROGRAM USES INSTRUCTORS FOR BATTLE DRILL TRAINING

The 266th Quartermaster Battalion and ACES conducted a pilot program beginning on 5 June 2006. The program will transform the 266th Quartermaster Battalion by having instructors perform the function(s) as tactical trainers in lieu of drill sergeants. In addition, former ACES-Director of Training instructors will have the role of being the primary instructors for technical training. Both organizations are looking forward to implementing and completing this process. The process is currently ongoing and will be evaluated at a later date. POC: CSM Michael Gilmore, DSN: 687-3331, COMM: (804) 765-3331.

JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER ROTATION 06-08 – 1ST CAVALRY MISSION REHEARSAL EXERCISE (MRE)

ACES Director of Training, Mr. John Traylor, and Supervisory Training Specialist, Mr. Alfred Hawkins, participated with and observed the 1st Cavalry field feeding process during its recent mission rehearsal exercise. These two subject matter experts provided 1st Cavalry 92G personnel with on the spot feedback to enhance the unit's field feeding mission. ACES will participate in similar events with other units in the future. POC: John Traylor, DSN: 687-3192, COMM: (804) 734-3192.

ACCELERATED TRAINEES GRADUATE

The first four Soldiers enrolled in the 2006 92G Accelerated Training Program started class on 9 May 2006 and graduated on 12 June 2006. These Soldiers had all the necessary formal or job experience from the civilian sector prior to arrival at the school. Once the training was finished, they had completed the normal eight-week, two-day course within 21 days. In this program the individual's civilian culinary skills are tested and verified, and if qualified, the Soldiers are placed in the Accelerated Training Program. This is an ongoing effort. The purpose is to expedite getting trained personnel to field. POC: John Traylor, DSN: 687-3192, COMM: (804) 734-3192.

LOGISTICS TRAINING DEPARTMENT

QUARTERMASTER CAPTAINS INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE (IRR) TRAINING

The Logistics Training Department, Leader Development Division, received six Quartermaster captains who were recently recalled to Active Duty under the IRR Mobilization Program. Their training consisted of the five functional Quartermaster principles and an overview of modular logistics. The six officers all met graduation criteria and are currently pending orders assigning them to various locations in support of the global war on terrorism. POC: Mary E. Mitchem, LTD Admin Coordinator, DSN: 687-3195, COMM: (804) 734-3195.

ARMY PRESENTS 2006 SUPPLY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This year's competitors were comprised of 17 Active Army, 14 Army National Guard (ARNG), and 10 U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) units. Nominated units that were unavailable for the evaluation because of deployment/mobilization are encouraged to participate in competition year 2007. The Department of the Army and the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) cosponsored a Combined Logistics Excellence Award (CLEA) ceremony in May 2006 in Alexandria, Virginia. The Army G-4, Lieutenant General Ann E. Dunwoody, presented plaques to unit representatives. The CLEA honors the winners of the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence, the Deployment Excellence Award, and the SEA. As in previous years, the NDIA

provided the plaques. Competition for the SEA begins with major Army commands (MACOMs) nominating units based on their performance in the local Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP) evaluations. Strict adherence to the Army's CSDP is the stepping stone to success in the SEA Program. Evaluators from the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School Logistics Training Department, augmented by ARNG and USAR evaluators, traveled worldwide from October through March conducting on-site assessments. To participate, a unit must contact its MACOM SEA point of contact. A point of contact list is posted at <http://www.quartermaster.army.mil/ltd/supexcel.html>. SEA policies and procedures are contained in Appendix G, AR 710-2. For details regarding the 2007 SEA nomination/competition process look for the Army G-4 message announcing the 2007 program.

AIRBORNE ORIENTATION COURSE (AOC) MOVE UPDATE

Two instructors from the AOC branch returned from Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on 26 May 2006 after conducting a "train-the-trainer" with two instructors there and transferring training aids and equipment Information Security Office AOC's move to Fort Jackson. This training is moving to Fort Jackson along with the resources to provide the training. Instructors from Fort Lee have volunteered to move to Fort Jackson to serve as AOC instructors. The QMC&S's last AOC graduated on 9 July 2006. POC: MAJ Brandon Klink, DSN 687-3074, COMM: (804) 734-3074.

MORTUARY AFFAIRS CENTER

DECONTAMINATION OF HUMAN REMAINS

A Mortuary Affairs Center (MAC) representative attended and briefed at the annual Chemical/Medical Review hosted by the U.S. Army Chemical School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Organizations participating, in addition to MAC, included Army Medical Department (AMEDD), U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, United States Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force, Fifth Army/United States Northern Command (ARNORTH), and Joint Program Office for Chemical and Biological Defense and representatives from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Issues germane to MAC and Mortuary Affairs (MA) in particular included a resolution of the "handoff" of human remains issue between the medical community and the MA community; agreement by the Army Mobile Laboratory to provide training to MA Soldiers in the use of the gas chromatograph; a request by ARNORTH to include MA in future domestic reconnaissance and casualty determination exercises; and, the introduction to the group, by the MAC representative of a product, "Bio-Seal," which can be used to hermetically seal human remains and, in this case, those which are contaminated. AMEDD expressed great interest in the product and agreed to pursue it through research and development for use in medical treatment facilities. POC: Bernard Bogan, MAC, DSN: 687-5051, COMM: (804) 734-5051.

PETROLEUM AND WATER DEPARTMENT (PWD)

PETROLEUM AND WATER DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITY

Hopewell High School (HHS) Outreach Program faculty and students participated in a tour of the Petroleum and Water Department (QMC&S-PWD) training facilities and sites on 31 May 2006. The visit provided an excellent venue to share the Army's core values and career opportunities. The tour also afforded the HHS students the opportunity to observe highly motivated Soldiers and Marines (people of a similar age group) being further educated in a military classroom/training environment. POC: MAJ Ed Cruz, DSN: 687-2826, COMM: (804) 734-2826.

U.S. MARINE CORPS (USMC) DETACHMENT AND PWD HOSTS FUEL EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION

The USMC Petroleum Training Division-Fort Lee and the Petroleum QMC&S-PWD hosted a fuel demonstration at the PWD-Military in the Field fuel training site using four inch fuel flow meters on 2 June 2006. The purpose of the demonstration was to monitor the receipt and issue of fuel via the use of multiple tactical fuel system components. The primary equipment item assessed was the USMC's recently fielded digitized (automated) flow metering system. This metering system is manufactured by FLOCAT Co, Inc and has built-in temperature-compensating capability for volume correction. The relevancy of this demonstration to the global war on terrorism effort is that this metering system has the interest of the other services as well and could potentially be a candidate for joint procurement for the total force to be used at various tactical capitalized fuel locations globally. POC: CW5 Oliver Ezell, DSN: 687-2775, COMM: (804) 743-2775.

PETROLEUM QUALITY TRAINING ENHANCEMENT TO INCLUDE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

As of 30 May 2006, the proposed Inter-service Training Review Organization (ITRO) program of instruction (POI) has been developed by PWD personnel and U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command training developers to incorporate Air Force personnel training requirements into the current Army-Marine POI. The three services (Army, Marine, and Air Force) will receive 92L Laboratory Quality Surveillance training. The Air Force training is projected for three weeks and one day, while the Army and Marine training lasts ten weeks and four days. The course instructor contact hours and instructional content remains the same. The next step in the process is to organize an Implementation Planning Team and revise/refine the current plan of action and milestones. The joint training implementation is scheduled to begin not earlier than 1 October 2006. POC: Kizer Paulk, DSN: 687-2626, COMM: (804) 734-2626.

49TH QUARTERMASTER GROUP

49TH QUARTERMASTER GROUP: 240TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION AND 530TH CSSB ACTIONS/ACTIVITIES

The 109th Petroleum Company redeployed from *Operation Iraqi Freedom* on 5 June 2006. The 267th Petroleum Company conducted Load Handling System Modular Fuel Farm (LMFF) training at Fort Pickett from 5-23 June 2006. The 506th Force Provider Company conducted Force Provider support at Fort Pickett from 1 June through 31 July 2006. The 506th will return to Fort Pickett in August to dismantle and store the equipment. The 267th Petroleum Supply Company conducted Combined Joint Logistics Over the Shore (CJLOTS) training at Fort Story from 5-22 June 2006 and personnel from the Mortuary Affairs Companies continue to provide support to:

- Joint Personal Effects Depot at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

- Mortuary Affairs Point of Entry at Dover Air Base, Delaware.

- Mortuary Affairs Disposition Center at HRC-Alexandria, Virginia.

The 49th Group has conducted 42 funeral honor ceremonies in the Central Virginia area of operations since 1 May 2006. During the current quarter the 49th Group has conducted 80 funeral honor ceremonies. Year-to-date, the 49th Group has conducted 253 funeral honor ceremonies. POC: MAJ Claude W. Bailey, III, 49th Quartermaster Group, S-2/3, DSN: 687-6526, COMM: (804) 734-6526.